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RALLY DAY SABBATH, OCTOBER 1ST.

Sabbath, October 1st, is set for our Rally day for the Sunday school and church. Everybody invited to all of the services. Baptism of children at the morning service.

We want everybody out to the services on that day. Sabbath school at 9:15, morning service at 10:30. We want the whole Sunday school and church out to this service—the cradle roll babies and their papas and mamas, the whole Sunday school and every church member, and all your friends. Invite everybody and bring everybody you can. The service will consist of singing and speaking by the children in the Sunday school, singing by the male quartet and chorus choir. If you want a Rally day souvenir you must be out to the Sunday school. Young People's meeting at 6:45. At 7:30, a Winona evening song service, a service prepared by Prof. E. O. Excell. You must not miss this service. Get a special envelope for the offering on Rally day. Let us make this a great day, a day of consecration and of a new beginning in the Lord's work.

The meeting of the Womans' Missionary society of Ohio synod will be held on the 11th and 12th of October at Barberton, Ohio. We hope some representative will go from Grace Church.

The adult Bible class will have a social evening and business session at the

church Thursday evening, September 28th. Every member of the class is expected to be present at this class gathering. Come and bring some members of the church with you who are not members of the class. We are going to have a good time.

An effort is being made to gather in the loose ends of the Sunday School, and to begin the work with vigor and enthusiasm. Some of the teachers are endeavoring to see their schollars, others are writing letters. Will you not join the ranks of the Sunday School workers and do your part in helping to **push**. Help to bring in new schollars. "Helpers" that's what we need.

If you know of any little strangers recently come to town, who are available for our cradle roll, secure the name and report the same to the superintendent of the Primary department.

Two little ones, Dean Metzner and Louis Kanning were recently transferred from the Cradle Roll to the Beginners department. It pays to look up all these little ones.

The amount apportioned by the General synod for the membership of the Missionary societies is \$1.73 per capita. In addition to this, we must raise 12c per member for the contingent fund and \$5.00 for the scholarship fund. The money can be raised any way the society may decide upon. It will be an easy matter if all the members work together. Let us maintain our good reputation of "being paid up."

The third installment on the pledges given for the church debt and organ fund will be due next month. This will be the last installment. Statements will be sent to the members of the amounts due on their pledges. We have reasons to believe that so far as at all possible the pledges given will be paid in full within the next month or two. Those who have given subscriptions to this fund are anxious to wipe out the church debt, make the needed repairs upon the church, and secure our pipe organ. Some who have already given and given liberally are ready to give additional amounts to secure the organ and repair the church. A goodly number have not yet contributed either by cash or in pledges to the debt fund. The time for the final round-up is now at hand. There ought to be some more handsome cash contributions, and we are sure there will be, for they have been promised us. Everyone ought to do his part in the liquidation of the debt and toward the repair and organ fund. Whatever amount you are able to give will be gladly received. Do your part and have your share in the blessing. There has not at any time been any special canvass made for this fund. The pledges and cash contributions have so far nearly all been free-will offerings. Possibly some of the members are waiting to be solicited. You will save us the time of seeing you personally if you will report the amount you wish to give to the pastor or some member of the consistory. Do something and do it soon.

The pastor has been calling upon the aged members of the church since his return from the lake, and the Winona Bible conference. He found them in their usual health, and glad to see their pastor. Do not forget these aged people when you are calling. They are not able to get out to the services, and the days and weeks are long and

lonely for them; they will be glad to have a visit from you. Accompanied by Mrs. Zartman we spent a forenoon recently at the country home of Mrs. Blum, about seven miles north of the city. We had a very pleasant visit with this aged mother. She is very feeble, but is able to be about the house and gets outdoors some when the weather is favorable. She will celebrate her 79th birthday January 10th, 1912. She was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. She came with her father's family to the United States when she was about one year of age. The family at first settled in Tuscarawas county, Ohio. Afterwards they located near Logan, Ohio. After her marriage to Mr. Martin Blum they came to Allen county, some fifty years ago. She has been a member of Grace church almost from the date of its organization, but has not been able to attend any of our services for several years past. She has a beautiful home, and has an abundance of fruit this season. It was a delight to us to be invited to go into her orchards and gather some of the choice pears, peaches, grapes and apples. We expect to visit her again before winter comes on.

The Aid society, which is composed of a few of the earnest workers of the church, but should be composed of every women in the church, is planning for a supper the first Thursday in December. They will make a special effort to make this a great occasion. The supper will be a success. What will the attendance be? A sale of fancy articles of all descriptions will be conducted by the ladies. Things suitable and beautiful for Christmas presents will be there—aprons, white and colored, large and small for you to buy for yourself or a friend. Already we have the promise of a large supply of articles. Mrs. Zartman is appointed to see the young members of the church for contributions to this sale, and Miss Anna Doem-

mer is chairman of the committee to solicit from the older members. Every one should manifest an interest in this enterprise and be willing to give some article, something toward the supper, and some time and attention, so that it may be a success. The sewings will be resumed in the near future. Plan to come and help. The success of our work depends upon the help of each one. Don't try to put your part of the work upon some member who is already doing all she can. If you want your share of heaven, be willing to bear your part of the work of the Church. It may require a little sacrifice for you to give a day occasionally for the church. Some little detail in your own home may have to be neglected, but you will be more than recompensed by the thought that you have done your part.

The beautiful hazy autumn days are here again. They bring to our hearts memories of other days. The ringing of the school bell in the distance, the laughter and shout of the boys and girls as they skip along with their arms full of books, remind us of our own happy school days. The crimson and gold in the garden and meadow, the scarlet bushes by the roadside, the naked woodbine climbing the window sill, the soft whisper of the falling leaves touch our hearts with a melancholy strain and remind us of summers gone by. Our thoughts seem to have broken rein and we stand again upon the threshold of the old home, and we would feign place our hands upon the old latch and open the door, but the dear old faces are not there to greet us. Where are they? They have gone to the land where there is perpetual summer, where the leaves never fall and the flowers never fade.

Why should we mourn the falling leaf and the faded flower? The autumn is but the folding of His hand. "The summer will come again" and so the

summer of our lives will come again.

"All loved things that vanish or that die shall return to us—in that Sweet Bye and Bye.

WEDDINGS.

At the Lutheran hospital Tuesday evening, Sept. 12th, Mr. Ora A. Hoover was united in marriage to Miss Dessa M. Mitchel. Both bride and groom are residents of Fort Wayne. Mr. Hoover has the tailoring establishment in Clinton street. The bride was at the time of the marriage a patient at the hospital.

At the parsonage Monday afternoon, Sept. 18th, Mr. Vernon E. Harris was married to Miss Ida L. Winninghoff. Mr. Harris is a machinist and is a very pleasant young man. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Rudolph Winninghoff, residing at 708 Taylor street. Some years ago she was a scholar in our Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have gone to housekeeping in their own home at 1115 Cottage avenue. The Visitor extends hearty congratulations and best wishes to these young friends.

Peter Raquet died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Fritz, 1417 Sherman street, Wednesday afternoon, August 30. He was born in Bavaria, September 9, 1855. He came to America when he was 28 years of age and had been a resident of Fort Wayne for nearly half a century. He was married at Cincinnati July 13, 1864, to Miss Margaret Flocken. Early in life Mr. Raquet was confirmed in the Evangelical in Bavaria. A few months before his death he was received into Grace church. He suffered greatly for many months before his death, but he was patient and resigned to the Lord in all his affliction. Five daughters and three sons and ten grandchildren survive him. The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, September 1st, from the Grace Reformed church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bitner and Miss Esther spent last Sunday at Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hilbish and little daughter Pauline are spending a week in Rome City.

Mrs. Sarah Knight has returned from a visit with her son John at Richmond, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bottger left on Wednesday for a week's visit with friends in Kalamazoo.

Richard Weller has been having a serious time with hay fever and asthma.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer are moving into their new and beautiful home on Spy Run avenue.

Mr. Raymond Close has entered Purdue university for a four years' course in electrical engineering.

Mr. Frank More has been laid up with an acute attack of lumbago. He has our sympathy.

Mrs. Frank Leikauf has been suffering with a severe attack of neuralgia and cold in her face.

Rev. and Mrs. Parley E. Zartman will move to Chicago the last of October where they expect to reside permanently.

Miss Edna Bender of Bluffton was a recent visitor at the Bitner home. Miss Bender and Miss Bertha were students together at Heidelberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker have been making extensive improvements upon their home and it is now modern in all its appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Siebold have been on a trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N. Y. It was a trip combining business, pleasure and sightseeing. They had a very pleasant time.

The Pastor and Mrs. Zartman spent a delightful day at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Rudisil. We have often enjoyed the hospitality of these dear friends and they have been restful, happy days.

Mr. Parvin has been at the Lutheran hospital for an operation. He received some injury while on one of his runs out of the city. The family now lives at 3002 Monroe street.

Mrs. Wickliff has been at Mt. Clemens for a month or more for treatment for her rheumatic ailments. We hope she will return home feeling very much better.

Mrs. Blanche Kessler is at the St. Joseph hospital, where she has just had a very serious operation. We have every hope and assurance of her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hessard had a delightful visit with relatives and friends at Elwood and Hartford City, Ind., during the latter part of August. They were gone for about two weeks. Since their return Mrs. Hessard has been quite ill.

A recent message from our young brother Irving Bitner reads as follows: I want you to pardon my delay in answering your letter, but will get started shortly. Am spending a few hours lay over in 'Frisco and start north at 8 a. m. It is a very long and tiresome trip. My regards to all the Church members. —Irving.

We feel sure that there is not a member of Grace church who does not miss Mr. Bitner from the service, for he was always in his place. Our best wishes and prayers shall attend him wherever he goes.

The old saying that children and fools tell the truth is manifest every day. The Sunday school teacher watching the conversation of her children can soon tell what the atmosphere is in the homes from which they come.

Governor Marshall in a recent address advocated the idea that "the church is responsible for the children of our country." This may be true to

a certain extent, but the Sunday school has the child a part of one day out of the week, while the home has them the greater part of each day. It would be a most difficult matter for the Sunday school to counteract the influence of an unchristian home in the short time the child is under its influence. The home and the parents especially are responsible for the Spiritual life of the child. In how many instances children that gave promise of being useful and active Christians have gradually grown away from the Church. Their interest in the things of Christ has been supplanted by the world, with its many allurements—amusements of every description with pernicious influence with stealthy step have come into the home gradually but surely sapping the Spiritual life of the child and destroying every effort that the Church and Sunday school can put forth for its salvation. Parents at first reluctantly and with much apprehension give their consent to these evil influences, but they are themselves drawn into the whirl and soon parents and children are going with the tide. The topic of conversation of the children is the dancing school, the ball game and the picture show. Christ and the Bible have no room in their lives and certainly none in their hearts. Their motto is "Have a good time." It would at least be well if these children could be taught not to drag these unholy things into the Sunday school hour, thereby destroying every good influence brought to bear upon the class by the teacher. "Where our treasure is there will our heart be" and more our conversation too.

But sometime God will bring judgment to these parents and they will have to answer for the precious jewels entrusted to their care. They are immortal souls and are capable of great things for Christ and the Church. God will hold the parents accountable for these perverted and useless lives.

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TOPICS AND LEADERS

September 24—Missions in Africa.

October 1—Lessons from great lives.
Peter John 21:1-19. Lizzie Rudisill.

October 8th—New work our society
might do. Matt. 25:13-30. Geo. Shif-
fer.

October 15—Believing the Bible.
Rom. 10:17, 15, 4. Elsie Weickart.

October 22—Lessons I have learned
from things (an object meeting). Jer.
13:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22. Arthur Bit-
ner.

October 29—Missions in Europe.
Acts 16:6-15. Mrs. Zartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hobson recently
opened their cozy home to the young
people of the Church. They showed
their appreciation by a large attend-
ance.

Preparations for Rally day are going
forward. What are you doing to make
it a success. If you are a teacher, look
up your delinquent scholars. If you
know of any one who don't go to Sun-
day school, constitute yourself an invi-
tation committee. If you are not in the
Sunday school get yourself in line,
Work, Pray, Push.—"The harvest is
ripe."

The male quartette sang very ac-
ceptably on Sunday evening, Sept. 17.

The Missionary society met at the
home of Mrs. Jesse Benton.

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